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REASON OF SMALL FAMILY ROMEO CAUGHT IN CHIMNEY THE

for Existence Already is Much Too Bevere.

It must be remembered that as increase of population progresses, the mere fact of increuse creates new conditions. These in turn may check or destroy earlier tendencies. Thus, out of the great increase in population in our time has come already at least one significant fact. This may be termed "the pressure of population." It may be defined as the general instinctive realization of large numbers. Expression of this realization appears in the decreasing belief that personal responsibility rests upon the individual to rear a large family, or even, in many cases, to become a parent. Mere numbers-the pressure of humanity on all sides, especially in the large cities-constitute ever-present evidence to the average man and woman that there are people enough, and the struggle for existence is too severe already to be increased by unnecessary burdens. In consequence, there has arisen a rather remarkable and widespread tendency, now clearly evident in most of the larger communities of Europe, voluntarily to limit the family. The effect of this tendency is most marked in France, where it has produced a present state of equilibrium of population liable to be changed at any time into a positive national decrease. Limitation of family has also appeared in other parts of the world and has caused much concern in Australia. where a very small total white population is shown. It should not be overlooked, however, in connection with the apparently exceptional problem presented by Australia, that the southern continent seems never to have sustained a large population. The aborigines of Austria, New Zealand and Tasmania were not numerous, and those that remain are dying out so rapidly as to suggest a very frail racial grasp upon existence .-The Atlantic

FISH STORY FROM KANSAS

Tannic Acid From the Autumn Leaves Makes the Finny Tribe an Easy Prey.

Two years ago a curious paragraph went the rounds of the press. It stated that an analysis of the water in the Maries du Cygnes river revealed the presence of tannic acid. No cause was assigned. But Big Stranger, a limpld stream that gurgles across the northeast corner of Kansas and pours its gossip into the Kaw, held this secret nine years ago, and local residents kept mum and profited accordingly. Now, the fourth time in 14 seasons, that same tannic acid is troubling Big Stranger's waters until they run black as ink; and cat, carp, bass and buffalo, in a coma, but entirely edible, are crowding the banks, their heads uplifted in quest of air. The tannic acid, drawn from autumn leaves which recent high the fish to the surface, where they collect in riffles or fresh water inlets, or try to climb the banks. Thus they are easy prey, and are taken out in nets, scooped up with shovels, and stand so conspicuously alone. taken to market or gathered into the salted fish supply of the community. Big Stranger, which is well wooded and generally steep banked, carries state and has no known rival in the tannic acid feat.

Good Big Job.

Several New York school teachers recently paid a visit to Bloomingdale Insane asylum and were approached by a gentleman who showed them about the grounds. In the course of his remarks he dwelt with particular emphasis on the fact that some insane people were of such cunning that one could not discover their condition except by some strange remark let fall by chance.

After two pleasant hours spent in the company of their guide the teachers were about to return, when one of them, wishing to take a not too abrupt leave, remarked: "Time must pass slowly here for

you among so 'many lunatics." "There is where you are wrong," replied the man. "I am engaged five hours a day in my life work."

"How interesting!" cooed the teach-The man produced a roll of manuscript.

"See, I am making an index to Webster's dictionary."

Overheated Rooms.

"Why go south?" a convalescent was asked by a writer for the New York Evening Post. "Don't you think a cold climate would be more likely to brace you up?" Oh, I'm not going south to escape the cold," was the reply. "I'm going to escape the heat." A cryptic saying, but it embodies a simple truth, For it is only by going south that one can escape the most depressing of all forms of heat—the heat of overheated rooms. Overheating is the normal thing in all places where people are gathered together-in restaurants, theaters, railway cars, churches, libraries, and, for that matter, in private houses as well.

Rather Late. "Does that young man who calls on your daughter stay very late?"

"Rather. It's got so that I have to use the back door when I start out for work in the morning so as not to interrupt them saying good by to each other in the hall,"

In Large Communities the Struggle Curlous Antics of a Breton Lover Arouse Excitement in Village

in Brittany.

This story comes straight from Morlaix, a very modern place in Brittany. Dur Romeo, like Chaucer's hero, was caught in the chimney. He was going to his sweetheart, instead of runping away from her. The pretty Juliette was a distance of some seven miles from his home. The enamored Romeo tramped it on foot all that distance. At night he reached the bouse, and called, but got no answer. As the door was shut he decided to try the roof. On the roof he found the chimney, and it seemed to him that was quite wide enough to let him down. He descended for some distance, but then, as he came near the fireplace, the chimney narrowed. He slipped and got in a narrow neck. Here he was caught, unable to move up or down. Before long he felt a suffocating sensation. If the thing Children lasted much longer it would be the end of him. He could stand it no more. After groaning he yelled, and be bellowed so well that not only was his sweetheart disturbed in her slumbers, but the whole village was excited.

The nearest chimney-sweep was called, but he could not help him out. and he, with all the notables of the place, went to look. They consulted among them, and the only way to Lips liberate the captive lover was to pull down part of the chimney. This was done by some masons, and he was presently released, but before being allowed his freedom a police report was drawn up, with a view to inflicting a series of fines for breaking into a private inclosure, damaging other people's property, waking up the authorities unnecessarily, and causing a public scandal. Poor Romeo was very sad when it was all over .- Paris Correspondence, London Telegraph.

ROTHSCHILDS OF THE EAST

Mitsul Family of Japan Is Famous for Unsullied Honor of Their Name.

The Mitsui family of Japan have been called the Rothschilds of the East; but while the fame of the latter has gone abroad over the world, says the Atlantic Monthly, the Mitsuis have remained practically unknown except to a few western merchants who have had extensive dealings with the Orient.

The European family owes its great renown to the fact that for a century there has been no slightest stain upon its commercial honor. But its career, it should be remembered, has been passed in a world where business itself has been held in honor; while the Mitsuis, engaged in a pursuit utterly condemned by public sentiment, for three centuries, in spite of the demoralizing influence of the sowinds deposited in the stream, drives | cial ban, have been trusted by governthe honor of their name unstained. Now, thanks to the new spirit animating the nation, they no longer

Other great commercial families are being ranged with this one, their members not only enrolled among the peers of the realm, but ranking with the biggest fin stock in its part of the the merchant princes of the west as exponents of all that is honorable in the conduct of mercantile affairs. To their number are yearly being added many of the Samirai, or nightly chivalry of old, who once scorned all contact with trade, but who are now returning to bring to the rescue of their country the fine sense of honor in which they were educated under the ancient regime. That they will eventually succeed in their task, backed as they are by the instinct of common honesty pervading the rank and file, There can be no manner of doubt.

> Apparatus for Finding Water. The hazel twig as a water finder has been supplanted by a remarkable invention, consisting of a simple apparatus. The principle on which the instrument works is the measuring of the strength of electric currents between the earth and the atmos- For Women Who Care phere. These are always strongest in the vicinity of subterranean water courses, the flowing waters of which are charged with electricity to a certain degree. The apparatus takes the form of a box-shaped instrument fixed on a tripod, with a dial on which a needle is used to indicate the presence of water. If the needle remains stationary it may be taken for granted that no subterranean spring exists; the spot where the greatest movement of the needle is obtained is that where well boring operations should be made.

How to Clean Tapestry.

Shake the tapestry gently but well to remove loose dirt and then immerse disease germs, and purify the breath. It in a cleansing fluid composed as To keep artificial teeth and bridgework follows. Take four ounces of soap to a quart of water and boil it until it becomes a jelly; then divide this equally in two tubs of hot water, adding a cup of bran to each tub to prevent the colors from running. It is

After washing the tapestry alternately in the two tubs, rinse in water strongly flavored with vinegar (to prevent colors fading) and dry.

After the heavier weight of the water is out, stiffen with a thin boiled starch and iron quickly on the wrong side with a rather hot fron.

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If They Combined.

In the Strand Magazine appears a

men John D. Rockefeller, Pierpont Morgan, Astor, Lord Strathcons, Andrew Carnegle and Lord Rothschild. He calculates that between them they own \$5,000,000,000. What might they do with such a sum if they combined forces? What things could they not achieve with \$5,000,000,000? Suppose they were aggressive and inclined to wage war. They could put 1,000,000 men in the field and maintain them for ten years, perhaps for twenty. The American Revolutionary war cost \$700,000,000. The wars with Napoleon from 1790 to 1815 cost Great Britain \$3,250,000,000. The Crimean war cost \$150,000,000 for two years. The South African war cost England \$1,250,000, 000. The rich sextet could have borne the costliest of these wars and had

If they turned their attention to the sea they could with half their capital build a fleet that would be unique, overpowering, irresistible. The bigtest fleet in the world—that of Great Britain-could probably be duplicated for \$1,000,000,000. Again these invin-The gendarmes woke up the mayor, tion and Guaranteed one for cible six could give \$100 each to every man, woman and child in the British Isles. They could buy all the automobiles in the world and then have enough left over to purchase the Panama and Suez canals, and after that sufficient to buy up British shipping. These are a few of the startling things these six elderly gentlemen could do with their combined wealth if they only possessed the requisite audacity, imagination and agreement.

a good sum over.

AMERICAN MUSIC ISN'T BAD

David Bispham Says Much of It Compares Well With Best of Foreign Compositions.

At a recent recital which he gave in Carnegie hall, David Bispham said: There is just as much bad music written abroad as there is in this country, only we do not always hear When we get foreign music we always seek the best. We buy the works of the best composers and we give no attention to any others. Here at home we hear all that is published. We cannot avoid the bad if we would. We hear it on the streets in spite of ourselves, and we grow to think, unless we take pains to study American music, that the most of it is poor. This is not true. Some of it is very bad, but much of it is as good as that written by the best foreign composers."

In proof of his faith in the good quality of American music Mr. Bispham makes it a rule to devote a portion of each of his programs to the work of American composers. While him that these songs equal the best of the foreign works, it certainly should be an inspiration to American composers to have so excellent an artist place such faith in them and prove his faith by giving their works the benefit of his renditions. Mr. Bispham laments the prevalence of ragtime, and urges his audiences to lend all their influence toward its abolishment. To him music is worthousness to express a lofty, or at least | ter demand, an intelligent, idea.

Mountain in the Sky.

Probably few persons are aware that somewhere, many miles away from this earth, an enormous mountain twenty miles high is flying through space. This mountain is known astronomically as the planet Eros. The ordinary man has long taken it for country butter granted that all the planets are more or less round in shape. The small planet Eros, however, is an exception to this rule. According to the latest astronomical information it is a mere mountain in space, "without form and void," and as it turns upon its axis first one corner and then another is presented to view. These small worlds (few are over ten or twenty miles across) are not large enough to have sufficient gravity to draw their structure into symmetry and remain as when launched into space-mammoth meteorites. A tantalizing fact for astronomers is that Eros passed close to us about Jan. 24, 1894-before the planet was recognized-and that quite so near an approach is not due again till 1975.

His Own Idea. Walter Wyman, surgeon general of

the United States public health service, was at one time visited by the then principal representative of Tammany in congress,. While waiting for some papers to be brought to his deak relative to the subject of the congressman's visit, the surgeon general sought to draw his visitor's attention to the importance and effectiveness of the public health work of the service by handing him a rather large bound volume containing public health reports for the year just ended. Upon the arrival of the expected papers, Dr. Wyman turned again to his visitor, naturally expecting some encouraging comment. To his surprise he found the representative of America's foremost commonwealth balancing the unopened volume upon his palm. Meeting the interrogative glance of the surgeon general, he solemnly remarged: "Great cott, general! If you dropped that on a man it would kill him, wouldn't it?"

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